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## New Combinations in *Stigmatodactylus* (Orchidaceae)

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**ABSTRACT.** Recent anatomical and morphological studies of the *Acianthinae* indicate that the four species of *Acianthus* from Papuasias are better placed within *Stigmatodactylus*. This transfer requires three new combinations.

*Stigmatodactylus* Maxim. ex Makino is a small genus of ground orchids that was established in Makino's (1891) *Illustrations of the Flora of Japan*. As currently delimited, it contains approximately seven species and is found in Japan, northern India, Java, Borneo, the Celebes, the Moluccas, New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands (Bougainville and Guadalcanal). The genus is closely allied to *Acianthus* R. Br. and *Townsonia* Cheesm., but is readily distinguished from these genera by its massive, subentire or 3-lobed basal callus on the labellum, ventrally keeled or appendaged column, and prominent dactyliform appendage on the posterior margin of the stigma. In addition, *Stigmatodactylus* has axillary subterranean tubers (as opposed to terminal ones in *Acianthus*); the plants are unifoliate (as opposed to multifoliate in *Townsonia*); and the cells that line the anther have type IV endothelial thickenings (Freudenstein, 1991) (as opposed to type I or type IIIc thickenings in *Acianthus* or type I thickenings in *Townsonia*).

After examining these genera in detail, I have concluded that the three species I previously de-

scribed from Papuasias (Kores, 1991) are incorrectly placed within *Acianthus* and should be transferred to *Stigmatodactylus*. New combinations are here proposed for the three species not previously transferred to *Stigmatodactylus*. It should also be noted that with the exclusion of the Papuasian taxa from *Acianthus*, the geographic distribution of the genus is restricted to New Caledonia, New Zealand, and Australia.

***Stigmatodactylus gibbsae* (Kores) Kores, comb. nov.** Basionym: *Acianthus gibbsae* Kores in *Lindleyana*, 6: 166, f. 2. 1991.

***Stigmatodactylus croftianus* (Kores) Kores, comb. nov.** Basionym: *Acianthus croftianus* Kores in *Lindleyana*, 6: 168, f. 3. 1991.

***Stigmatodactylus variegatus* (Kores) Kores, comb. nov.** Basionym: *Acianthus variegatus* Kores in *Lindleyana*, 6: 171, f. 4. 1991.

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